

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S13739–S13938*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2304–2308, and S. Res. 366. **Page S13768**

**Measures Passed:**

***Omnibus Indian Advancement Act Amendment:*** Senate passed S. 1347, to amend the Omnibus Indian Advancement Act to modify the date as of which certain tribal land of the Lytton Rancheria of California is deemed to be held in trust and to provide for the conduct of certain activities on the land. **Page S13937**

**Measures Considered:**

***Farm Bill Extension Act:*** Senate began consideration of H.R. 2419, to provide for the continuation of agricultural programs through fiscal year 2012, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pending:

Harkin Amendment No. 3500, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13743–63**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. **Page S13938**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S13768**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13937–38.)

### Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 11 public bills, H.R. 4071–4081; 2 private bills, H. Res. 797–798; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 795–796 were introduced. **Pages H12738–39**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H12739–40**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3688, to implement the United States-Peru Trade Promotion Agreement (H. Rept. 110–421);

H. Res. 793, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3685) to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation (H. Rept. 110–422);

Recommending that the House of Representatives find Harriet Miers and Joshua Bolten, Chief of Staff, White House, in Contempt of Congress for Refusal to Comply with Subpoenas Duly Issued by the Committee on the Judiciary (H. Rept. 110–423);

Conference report on H.R. 3043, a bill making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–424);

H.R. 3495, to establish a National Commission on Children and Disasters and a National Resource Center on Children and Disasters, with amendments (H. Rept. 110–425);

H.R. 3997, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide earnings assistance and tax relief to members of the uniformed services, volunteer firefighters, and Peace Corps volunteers, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–426); and

H. Res. 794, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3043) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 (H. Rept. 110–427). **Page H12738**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Mahoney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H12457**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H12457**

**Presidential Veto Message—Water Resources Development Act of 2007:** Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 1495, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources and to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–71). **Pages H12458–59**

Pursuant to the order of the House of November 1, 2007, further consideration of the veto message and the bill is postponed until Tuesday, November 6th.

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007:** H.R. 1567, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis; **Pages H12459–62**

**Eurasia Foundation Act:** H.R. 2949, amended, to authorize grants to the Eurasia Foundation; **Pages H12462–64**

**Expressing concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America:** H. Res. 435, amended, to express

concern relating to the threatening behavior of the Iranian regime and its leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, and the activities of terrorist organizations sponsored by that regime in Latin America; **Pages H12465–68**

**Congratulating the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia:** H. Res. 550, amended, to congratulate the people of Ethiopia on the second millennium of Ethiopia; **Pages H12469–71**

**National Heroes Credit Protection Act:** H.R. 513, amended, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protection of credit ratings of active duty military personnel who are activated for military service, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 349 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1035; **Pages H12471–72, H12481–82**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to enhance the protection of credit ratings of members of the reserve component who serve on active duty in support of a contingency operation, and for other purposes.”. **Page H12482**

**Expressing support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our nation in times of war and conflict:** H. Res. 770, to express support for designation of a National Veterans History Project Week to encourage public participation in a nationwide project that collects and preserves the stories of the men and women who served our nation in times of war and conflict; **Pages H12472–74**

**Expressing support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today’s Students (VETS) Day:** H. Con. Res. 60, to express support for the goals of Veterans Educate Today’s Students (VETS) Day; **Pages H12475–76**

**Recognizing the contributions of Native American veterans and calling upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day in honor of Native American veterans:** H. Res. 744, to recognize the contributions of Native American veterans and to call upon the President to issue a proclamation urging the people of the United States to observe a day in honor of Native American veterans, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 351 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1036; **Pages H12476–77, H12482**

**Providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution:** S.J. Res. 7, to provide for the reappointment of Roger W. Sant as a

citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution—clearing the measure for the President; and

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*Providing technical corrections to Public Law 109–116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks:* S. 2206, to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109–116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks—clearing the measure for the President.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:09 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

*Congratulating Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France:* H. Res. 379, amended, to congratulate Nicolas Sarkozy on his election to the presidency of France and

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*Recognizing the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino:* H. Con. Res. 236, amended, to recognize the close relationship between the United States and the Republic of San Marino.

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**Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2008—Motion to go to Conference:** The House disagreed to the Senate amendment and agreed to a conference on H.R. 3222, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

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Appointed as conferees: Representatives Murtha, Dicks, Visclosky, Moran (VA), Kaptur, Cramer, Boyd (FL), Rothman, Bishop (GA), Obey, Young (FL), Hobson, Frelinghuysen, Tiahrt, Wicker, Kingston, and Lewis (CA).

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Agreed to close portions of the conference by a yea-and-nay vote of 351 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 1034.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H12458.

**Quorum Calls Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H12480–81, H12481, H12482. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EMPLOYMENT NON-DISCRIMINATION ACT OF 2007

*Committee on Rules:* Committee granted, by a vote of 9 to 3, a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate on H. R. 3685, Employment Non-Discrimination Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill are waived.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Finally the rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman George Miller of California, and Representatives Andrews, Frank of Massachusetts, Baldwin, and McKeon.

### LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS—CONFERENCE REPORT

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by a vote of 8 to 3, a conference report rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and providing that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule also provides that any motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3688 pursuant to section 151 of the Trade Act of 1974 shall be in order only if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee. The rule provides that, upon receipt of a message from the Senate transmitting H.R. 3042, with a Senate amendment thereto, it shall be in order to take the same from the Speaker's table and to consider in the House a motion offered by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in such amendment. The Senate amendment and the